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The Prez Sez...

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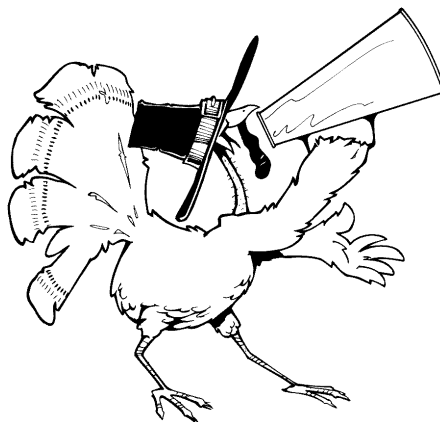


Hello and Greetings to all! November is here, so we are in the Club's Elections month. Now is the time for all the good people to come to the aid of our institution by participating in its Board of Directors. But first, let me report that the October Auction was a big success, with lots of fine equipment changing hands and the Club benefiting from all the action. Many thanks to the generous souls that donated equipment to be sold, and especially to the Chief Auctioneer Bob AK6R and his minions who did a fantastic job in a very good time frame.

We have an excellent speaker for the November meeting, and after that we will have the elections for next year's Board of Directors. This is your chance to help the Club run its daily business by becoming one of the

Directors (or even President). If interested, please contact Janet KL7MF or myself to be in the list. Any current Club member can have any position on the board. As mentioned, the Christmas Party date has been set for Friday December 6th. Mark your calendars early so you don't miss it. The cover price is still being negotiated and we hope to announce it at the meeting. As usual, I look forward to an eyeball contact with you all at the next General Meeting.

73 DE AF6CF



NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**Ken Miller
K6CTW
presents**

"Morse Code"

**November 15th, 2024, at 7pm
at the**

**American Red
Cross**

**Orange County Chapter
Santa Ana, Room 208**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Saturday, January 4th, 2024

See www.w6ze.org for more info



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Monthly Events

Membership Meetings*

Time: 7:00 PM
When: 3rd Friday of each Month
Red Cross Orange County, Room 208
600 N Parkcenter Dr, Santa Ana
(Replaced by the Christmas Party in December.)

Board Meetings

First Saturday of each Month
Board will handle Club business now IN-PERSON.

Club Nets (Listen for W6ZE)

10M ~ 28.375 MHz SSB

Wed- 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX
Alternate Net Control: AJ, W6OTO

2M ~ 146.55 MHz Simplex FM

Wed- 8:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX
Alternate Net Control: AJ, W6OTO
Echolink Node: KK6TRC-L

75M ~ 3.883 MHz LSB

Tue @ 8:00 PM
Net Control: Corey, KE6YHX

Other Nets

**Catalina Amateur
Repeater Association (CARA)**
147.090 MHz (+0.600 MHz) No PL
Monday - Friday
9:00AM & 9:00PM
Prg. Director. Tom W6ETC
COME JOIN US

OCARC 2024 DUES:

*Membership period is:
1 January to 31 December*

Individual New or Renewal: \$30
Family New or Renewal: \$45
Teen New or Renewal: \$15

New Member Dues are prorated quarterly and includes a badge:
Additional Badges¹ \$3

Use one of our interactive online forms to calculate current prices, join, renew, or order badges:

<https://www.w6ze.org/FormsShortcut.html>

¹ \$3 or less + mailing. See form.



Amateur Radio License Testing Now Available!

W6ZE now offers license exam sessions before our general meeting at the same location at 5:30 PM new licensees and upgrades. The cost is \$15.

Requests for testing should be sent to Ken Simpson, w6kos@w6ze.org, or by calling 714-651-6535.



November 2024 Speaker Spotlight



Remember this from May 13, 2005? K7JA and K6CTW on the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. Morse Code vs Text Messaging. CW saves the day, and our guest speaker for our November 15 meeting is the fellow who saved a bunch of money on his car insurance, Ken Miller, K6CTW. Come join us for an entertaining evening of "The Evolution of Morse Code".

Ken was originally licensed in 1967 as WN2BKC, and is now an A1 Operator, active in the Transcontinental Corps liaising messages through the NTS, certified at 35wpm American Morse, 40wpm Continental Code, and author of numerous articles over the years in Electric Radio and CQ magazines.

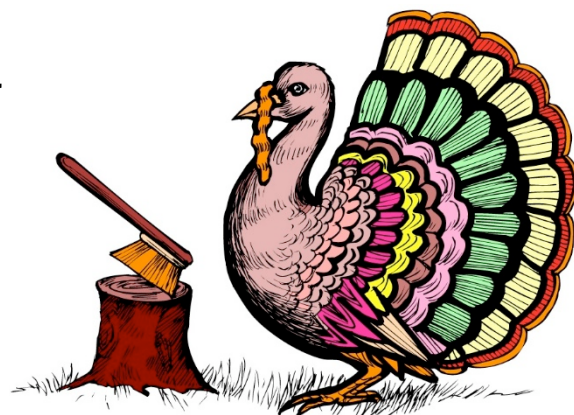
Ken received his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Virginia Military Institute and is a former US Marine Corps officer. As a civilian, he has held Principal Engineering and Management roles with experience in military, commercial wireless, cellular as well as terrestrial communications systems, with specialty areas of systems assurance, cyber security, and embedded systems.

Besides showing the Tonight Show clip, the program includes a "show and tell" with some of the telegraph items (Sonder, Phillips Code and relay), then International Morse and how it became the standard. Then some high speed equipment and also foreign Morse codes (Russian and Japanese). Ken's current interests include CW education and rag chewing in French, learning Russian and Russian Morse, and continuing to chase DXCC with his Drake 2-B/2-BQ and DX-60.



IN THE KNOW WITH W6OTO

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More than a Callsign

Afternoon everyone, as you may have noticed, I have a brand-new vanity callsign W6OTO (The OTO is for Old Towne Orange). A quick shoutout to Tim G. N6GP for pointing out the availability.

For those who have applied for a vanity callsign, it's an opportunity to add some personality to your callsign. Contesters will tell you they receive more callbacks with a shorter callsign than the typical 2x3. Additionally, you can modify your callsign to sound more appealing, reducing homophones such as MN/NM/S6 and have a callsign that has a phonetical punch. Vanity callsigns also benefit CW operators when copying and sending code.

When applying for my new callsign, I couldn't help but look into who held the callsign before. One development in the hobby to consider is the use of QRZ.com. It gives a small glimpse of the people behind the callsign that fill out the biography and upload pictures. From the brief description, he received his ticket in 1952 as a Novice and primarily participated in CW. He moved to California to finish high school. William later on took a general study course at Scott Radio Supply in Long Beach and that brought him back in the hobby in the 70's.

Since then, Dean passed November 15th 2011 and is survived by a handful of children and grandchildren. It's worth mentioning in his obituary it was noted his passion for cars, aviation, and amateur radio. So, with that being said, its safe to assume Dean was invested in the ham hobby for that to come up.

Amateur radio is worldwide, with great distance between operators at times. It may feel like an endless sea of operators to where you speak to a new person every day, over time you realize it's a small community where everyone knows somebody through somebody. Callsigns are a unique identifier but become synonymous to a person's identity in the hobby.

So, this article goes out to William Dean and his contribution to world of amateur radio. My adoption the callsign to me is more than a formality of an issued FCC ID , but a passing of the torch.



William Dean SK -W6OTO-

Field Day 2024 Results!



6A

Mike & Key ARC
K7LED (+AE7G)

5,619 2 60 20,900 WWA

Orange Co. (CA) ARC
W6ZE (+W6NGO)

5,717 2 30 19,409 ORG

South Jersey Radio Assn.

K2AA (+W2EA)

4,809 2 69 18,198 SNJ

Lake ARA

K4FC (+N4FLA)

3,566 2 38 12,978 NFL

Central KY ARS

AJ4A

3,253 2 30 12,482 KY

Franklin Co. (NC) ARC

AA4RV (+KO4HUL)

2,827 2 38 10,957 NC

Cuyahoga ARS

W8BM

2,021 2 35 9,108 OH

Mississauga ARC

VE3MIS

1,871 2 27 7,594 GH

Broughton Memorial Field Day Grp.

W2IR (+K2AE)

1,547 2 75 6,783 ENY

#1 W3AO 13A 36,542 MDC

#2 K6EI 12A BAT 23,690 SCV

#3 W9SU 4A 20,915 IN

#4 K7LED 6A 20,900 WWA

#5 W1NVT 2A 20,662 VT

#6 KK5W 10A 20,604 STX

#7 W4DW 9A 19,742 NC

#8 W6ZE 6A 19,409 ORG



RadioActivity November 2024

Upcoming Activities:

NOVEMBER

- ***ARRL Sweepstakes CW:** 2100 UTC Saturday Nov. 4 through 0300 UTC Monday Nov. 3.
- **WAE DX Contest, RTTY:** 0001 UTC Saturday Nov. 8 through 2359 UTC Sunday Nov. 10.
- **10-10 Fall Contest, Digital:** 0001 UTC Saturday Nov. 8 through 2359 UTC Sunday Nov. 9.
- **Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, CW:** 2300 Saturday Nov. 16 through 0100 UTC Sunday Nov. 17
- ***ARRL Sweepstakes SSB:** 2100 UTC Saturday Nov. 15 through 0300 UTC Monday Nov. 17.
- ***CQ World Wide DX / CW:** 0000 UTC Saturday Nov. 29 through 2400 UTC Monday Nov. 30.

DECEMBER

- ***ARRL 160 Meter Contest:** 2200 UTC Friday Dec. 5 through 1600 UTC Monday Dec. 7.
- **FT Roundup, FT8/FT4:** 1800 UTC Saturday Dec. 6 through 2359 UTC Sunday Dec. 7.
- ***ARRL 10 Meter Contest:** 0000 UTC Saturday Dec. 13 through 2359 UTC Sunday Dec. 14.
- **QRP ARCI Holiday Sprints Homebrew Sprint/CW:** 2000 UTC through 2300 UTC Sunday Dec. 14.
- **4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint:** 0100 UTC through 0300 UTC Sunday Dec. 15.
- **RAC Canada Winter Contest:** 0000 UTC through 2359 UTC Saturday Dec. 27.

* Indicates club entries are accepted

** Indicates team entries are accepted

Repeating Activities:

- **Phone Fray:** Every Tuesday night at 0230Z to 0300Z.
- **CWops Mini-CWT:** Every Wednesday at 1300 to 1400 UTC, 1900-2000 UTC and Thursday 0300-0400 UTC.

- **SKCC:** Weekend Sprintathon (Straight Key CW) on the first weekend of the month after the 6TH of the month. 1200 Sat. to 2359Z Sunday.
- **SKCC:** Sprint (Straight Key CW) 0000Z to 0200Z on the 4th Tuesday night (USA) of the month.
- **K1USN Slow Speed Test:** (CW, 20WPM Max.) Every Friday 2000 UTC to 2100 UTC Every Sunday night at 0000 UTC to 0100 UTC Monday
- **ICWC Medium Speed Test:** (CW, 25WPM Max.) Every Monday 1300 UTC to 1400 UTC 1900 UTC to 2000 UTC and Tuesday 0300 UTC to 0400 UTC

OCARC Club Nets:

- **75 Meter Net:** Every Tuesday night at 8:00 pm to 8:30 pm Local Time. SSB 3.883 MHz
- **10 Meter Net:** Every Wednesday night at 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm Local Time. SSB 28.375 MHz
- **2 Meter Net:** Every Wednesday night at 8:30 pm to 9:30 pm Local Time. FM Simplex 146.55 MHz

Other Nets:

- **Net-AT-9:** Wellness & Support
Monday thru Friday 9:00 am
and 9:00 pm Local Time 147.090 MHz (+600 MHz) No PL

Other Links:

- [ARRL Contest Calendar](#)
- [VOACAP Online for Ham Radio](#)

Send an email to Ron W6WG, w6wg@w6ze.org to have your favorite activity or your recent RadioActivity listed in next month's column.

73, Ron W6WG



Winter Field Day



“2025 Winter Field Day”

January 25th and 26th, 2025

(**NEW!!** Contest period Saturday 1600 UTC (9:00 am PST) to Sunday 2159 UTC (3:00 pm PST))

Come join the OCARC team for [2025 WINTER FIELD DAY](#) . We need everyone to turnout to continue our winning streak and become the highest scoring club for 7 years running.

The event will be held at the **new** Ocean View School District site located at 16662 Trudy Lane in Huntington Beach. The 2025 guidelines can be downloaded from <https://www.winterfieldday.com>

Bands: 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m, 6m and 2meters

Modes: SSB, CW, Satellite and Digital (no FT4 or FT8).

Points are 1 for Phone QSOs and 2 for CW & Digital QSOs.

NEW!! There are 11 Objectives which are the multipliers (x 26 maximum) for this contest.

If you are interested and need more information contact Ron W6WG by email, W6WG@W6ZE.ORG



You are invited to the OCARC 2024 Annual Holiday Dinner taking place **December 6th 2024 at 6:00 PM**

When: **December 6th 2024 at 6:00 PM**

Where: **Mimi's Café 17231 17th St., Tustin, CA 92870**

All are welcome. Dinner is **\$25** which includes an Entrée & Desert from the Menu listed below. To pay, please follow the link provided or scan the QR Code on the bottom right corner.

If you are paying in-person at the OCARC Holiday Dinner, **Please RSVP your seats** by Monday night **Dec. 02** by e-mailing Tim G. N6GP **n6gp@w6ze.org** and bring cash or a check. Dinner tickets are \$25 per person

<https://www.w6ze.org/XMAS/Christmas-Paypal.html>



Magnifique Dinner

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Served with your choice of coffee (0 Cal), tea (0 Cal), lemonade (120 Cal) or soft drinks (0-150 Cal).

E N T R É E S

Served with House Salad (190 Cal), Caesar Salad (220 Cal) or a Cup of Soup (200-240 Cal).

Grilled Strip Steak*

28-day aged 10 oz. USDA Choice New York Strip. House-made herbes de Provence butter (100 Cal) available upon request. Served with mashed potatoes and broccoli. (990 Cal)

Grilled Atlantic Salmon*

Grilled to perfection. Served with mashed potatoes and broccoli. (560 Cal)

French Pot Roast

A classique! Slowly braised and simmered with carrots, celery and onions. Served on a bed of mashed potatoes. (510 Cal)

Tuscan Style Grilled Chicken*

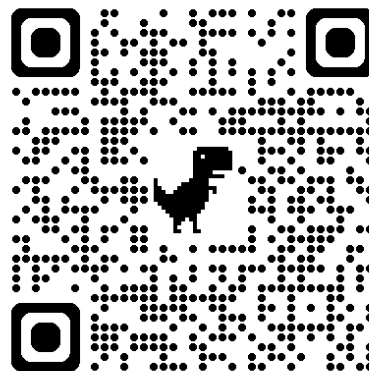
Grilled chicken, mashed potatoes, sautéed vegetables and artichoke hearts served in a savory sauce. (610 Cal)

Dessert

Molten Lava Cake
Hot molten cake served with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and garnished with a drizzle of chocolate and a fresh strawberry. (510 Cal)

Bread Pudding
Made from scratch bread pudding with raisins topped with whiskey sauce and whipped cream. (1060 Cal)

Scan Me
to
Buy Dinner!



2,000 calories a day is used for general nutrition advice, but calorie needs vary. Additional nutrition information is available upon request.

*THESE ITEMS ARE COOKED TO ORDER AND MAY BE SERVED RAW OR UNDERCOOKED OR MAY CONTAIN RAW OR UNDERCOOKED INGREDIENTS. CONSUMING RAW OR UNDERCOOKED MEATS, POULTRY, SEAFOOD, SHELLFISH, OR EGGS MAY INCREASE YOUR RISK OF FOODBORNE ILLNESS. - MimisCafe.com



OCARC 2024 October Auction Notes

- Tom Cowart W6ETC read the Auction Rules.
- Auctioneer: Bob Brehm AK6R
- Auctioneer Helpers:
 - Nicholas Haban AF6CF
 - Ron Mudry W6WG
- Money Guy 1: Dan Violette KI6X
- Money Guy 2: Corey Miller KE6YHX
- The Auction ran very smoothly this year. There were \$2,867.70 in sales, with the club's \$1,642.10 gain mostly from the sale of donated items.

A big thank you to all that participated!





October 2024 Recap

The OCARC 2024 October Potluck was great with 15+ attendees. On top of that, it fell on the same day as the 2024 California QSO Party.

A big thank you to everyone who brought food, radio equipment and more importantly their appetite!



Cash Flow

1/1/2024 through 11/1/2024

11/7/2024

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Category	1/1/2024- 11/1/2024
INFLOWS	
Auction Income	2,962.50
Badge Income	6.00
Donations - Field Day	223.00
Dues, Membership (Paypal 2025)	60.00
Dues, Membership (Paypal) 2024	1,378.46
Dues, Membership 2024	500.01
Field Day Food Income	240.00
Interest	178.39
Opportunity Drawing -Monthly	441.00
Sale Of Equipment	683.50
TOTAL INFLOWS	6,672.86
OUTFLOWS	
Auction Payout	1,334.40
Bank Checks (Refill)	23.20
CA Statement Of Info filing	20.00
Field Day - Propane	57.07
Field Day Equipment	131.94
Field Day Food	487.31
Field Day Rental - Tent	310.00
Flowers Expense	50.00
Guest Speaker Meal - Exp	252.00
Historian Expenses	91.90
PayPal Fee	74.46
PO Box Rental	170.00
Refreshments Expense	51.79
Software License	24.00
Storage of Equipment - Ann Millard	325.00
Web Site Hosting	305.00
WFD - Food	62.91
WFD - Propane	40.85
WFD Flowers	34.00
WFD Rental - Tent	170.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	4,015.83
OVERALL TOTAL	2,657.03



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